REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1, 9, 33-76 are pending. Claims 1, 9, 33, 35, 36, 41, 43, 44, 49, 51, 52, 57, 59 and 60 are hereby amended. Claims 2-8 and 10-32 are hereby canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, thereby obviating the objection to claims 17, 19 and 22-32. New claims 65-76 are added. Claims 1, 9, 33, 41, 49, 57, 65, 66 and 76 are independent. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 3, 4, 11, 12, 19, 20, 27, 35, 36, 43, 51, 52 and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly indefinite. Applicants submit that this amendment obviates these rejections.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Pending claims 1, 9, and 33-64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,917,990 to Zamara et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Amended independent claim 1 recites, inter alia:

"...wherein the information provided includes semantic evaluation information and video characteristic items..."

As understood by Applicants, the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,917,990 to Zamara et al. (hereinafter, merely "Zamara") does not anticipate, teach or suggest the above-cited features of amended independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable.

Amended independent claims 33 and 49 are similar in scope and believed to be patentable for similar reasons.

Amended independent claim 9 recites, inter alia:

"A video information editing method comprising...

wherein the information provided corresponding to each of the scenes includes semantic evaluation information and video characteristic items...

wherein the information provided corresponding to each of the shots includes semantic evaluation information and video characteristic items..." (emphasis added)

Applicants submit that Zamara does not anticipate, teach or suggest the above-cited features of amended independent claim 9. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 9 is patentable.

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Amended independent claims 41 and 57 are similar in scope and believed to be patentable for similar reasons.

New independent claim 65 recites, inter alia:

"A method for generating a video comprising...

providing semantic evaluation information related to content of one or more of the plurality of shots;

...selecting particular shots as a function of the semantic evaluation information and the video characteristics; and

generating the video by concatenating the selected particular shots such that the video has a predetermined time duration." (emphasis added)

It is respectfully submitted that Zamara does not anticipate, teach or suggest the abovecited features of new claim 65. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 65 is patentable.

New independent claims 66 and 76 are corresponding apparatus and computer-readable medium claims, and are similar in scope. Claims 66 and 76 are believed patentable for similar reasons as claim 65.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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